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Section 5: Permits

It appears the project will likely avoid wetland impacts based on conceptual engineering and field measurements. Palustrine wetland areas in the vicinity of Back Creek are outside the limits of this project and were within the limits of the recent replacement of Bridge 377. The project is in proximity of a palustrine wetland area near the historic Holton Farm and also along the south side of Bunker Hill opposite the historic Rosedale property. Section 4(f) avoidance of the recommended NRHP boundaries places the recommended Alternate A close to the wetland area possibly requiring Section 404 Permit compliance (Type 1). For this reason, it is recommended that topographic survey and additional engineering be completed to more accurately locate impact limits. Even if impacted, any wetland encroachment would be minor and addressed as part of the permit process.